

TODAY and TOMORROW NIPPON'S MIGHT

AT the beginning of this month, the American Marines landed on Okinawa. Within the course of a week, the Americans realised that they were in for very tough fighting. Three days ago a war correspondent predicted that a fierce naval battle would be fought in the Okinawa waters and this naval battle would decide the fate of the American forces in Okinawa.

So the fierce naval battle that is to decide the fate of the American forces in Okinawa has started and has already indicated that the only fate of the Americans is annihilation.

Latest Dai Honyei communiques reveal that so far in the Okinawa naval action the Americans have lost the staggering total of 82 warships—and a total of 293 warships since the beginning of the Ryuku operations.

The Americans are now facing the toughest opposition and they are most pessimistic about the future. General Joseph Stilwell, Commanding General of the American Army ground forces knows about the fighting qualities of the Nipponese soldier from his long and painful experience in Chungking. At an Army Day dinner two days ago, Stilwell said that the American forces are facing an enormous supply problem.

And according to Gen. Stilwell as the Americans approach the Nippon homeland, not only do they face far greater numerical strength of Nippon forces but also, as always, they are up against the highest fighting qualities of Nippon nation. "The Navy and the Air Force cannot help us to make headway against the Nipponese, it is an army job, a slugging job, a big job which will require far more than all we have got," warned General Stilwell.

In his first broadcast as Premier, Admiral Baron Suzuki has strongly emphasised the determination of the Nippon Government and the people to fight and achieve final victory. And it is this moral and spiritual courage that will sustain Nippon to surmount all apparent difficulties which confront the nation at the present time. As Netai himself said the other day, this war cannot be won by material superiority alone. It should be backed by the united strength of the nation and Nippon has plenty of it. There is no doubt about the final issue of this war. Nippon, with her grim determination and invincible fighting qualities backed by the righteousness of her cause, is bound to emerge victorious.

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General Stilwell Stresses Growing Power Of Nippon

U.S. Difficulties Mounting As Supply Line Extends In Pacific War Sector

Lisbon, April 8 (Domei)—The Nipponese are stronger now than when the war started, General Joseph Stilwell, Commanding General of the United States Army Ground Forces, declared last night, addressing an Army Day gathering in New York City, according to a dispatch received here.

Stressing one of Nippon's defensive advantages, Stilwell pointed out that America's advance across the Pacific has confronted the Americans with increasing supply difficulties, while Nippon's communication lines have become shorter and stronger.

Stilwell said that the supply haul from the West Coast of the United States to America's foremost bases in the Pacific was 4,000 miles longer than the distance from the Atlantic Seaboard to Europe and there are fewer port facilities on the Pacific Coast as compared to the East Coast.

On top of this, the closer the Americans reach the Nipponese Mainland "we will find them (Nipponese) in far greater strength than we have yet encountered," Stilwell declared, adding "The problem is enormous."

Stressing that past experience has shown that the Nipponese will not quit fighting, Stilwell said, "This is an army job, a slugging job, a big job, and we must give it everything we've got."

"We need all the superiority of men and material that is possible to concentrate against the determined foe, who has proved that he will fight to the bitter end," Stilwell concluded, warning the Americans that they must be prepared for further heavy bloody battles in the future.

Foe Airfield & Vehicles Heavily Raided, Blasted

A Burma Base, April 8 (Domei)—Burma-based Nippon night-bomber units last night April 7, attacked the runway in the western section of Meiktila East Airfield. Huge fires were started at several points and a great explosion occurred at one place.

On the same night our bomber formation also strafed a group of enemy military vehicles on the road ten kilometres south of Meiktila. Several vehicles were damaged and set ablaze.

One of our planes has not yet returned to base.

FIRM RESOLVE TO WIN WAR SEEN IN PREMIER'S FIRST RADIO ADDRESS TO NATION

People Urged To Devote All-Out Effort To Thoroughly Crush Enemy

Tokyo, April 8 (Domei)—Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, new Nippon Premier, in his first radio broadcast to the nation since his assumption of premiership, last night strongly emphasized the determination of the new Government to vigorously prosecute the war against the Anglo-American powers.

He exhorted the Nippon people to concentrate their all-out effort in a united fight to thoroughly crush the enemy and to defend the motherland.

Although the situation does not warrant optimism, "as we are fighting against the world's biggest powers—the United States and Britain," Admiral Suzuki declared, "I am firmly convinced that if we fight on

with death-defying determination and courage born out of our unswerving will to win, we will certainly secure an "opportunity to thoroughly crush the enemy."

The new Premier pledged that the new Government will speedily re-adjust the wartime internal structure to meet new conditions and put into practice all measures necessary for the defence of the country and the attainment of ultimate victory.

The Government will carry out administrative reforms so as to enable all the people—young and old—who are burning with patriotic fervour, to directly participate in the war, thereby enabling the nation to confidently surmount the enemy's current threat, he said.

Enemy Suffers Huge Losses In Men & Material In Okinawa Operations

Tokyo, April 9 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 3.00 p.m.

"Firstly, on April 8 enemy frontline on Okinawa Main Island extended mainly along a line from Tsuha to Oyama, with the enemy to the south of it gradually reinforcing his strength and making repeated attacks. Our forces on the spot, however, are fighting valiantly and repulsing enemy attempts whenever they are made."

"Comprehensive war results in the ground from the beginning of the enemy's landing up to the evening of April 7 so far ascertained are as follows:—

"Losses inflicted on the enemy—personnel killed or wounded, 3,600; tanks knocked out or set ablaze, 102; various types of

artillery destroyed, 33; landing vessels sunk, 16.

"Our losses—killed or wounded, approximately 400.

"Secondly, war results achieved against enemy warcraft and vessels since April 6 so far ascertained are as follows:—

"Sunk—one large warcraft, three cruisers, ten destroyers, three minesweepers, and 13 vessels of unspecified category.

"Heavily damaged—four cruisers, four destroyers, two minesweepers and eight vessels of unspecified category.

"Besides these war results, a large number of enemy transport vessels on the evening of April 6 were observed from the land to have been set ablaze in waters west of Zamba Point."

Heavy Casualties Inflicted On Foe In Pitched Battles On Luzon Fronts

A Nippon Base in Luzon, April 9 (Domei)—Our forces are continuing to inflict heavy losses on the enemy on every front of Luzon Island.

Our units in positions east of Manila on April 3 advanced to a point three kilometres west of Montalban and are now gallantly battling against the enemy reinforced by eight tanks and accompanied by 40 motor lorries. Our units have already exacted enormous casualties from the enemy forces who are frantically attempting to infiltrate northward. Three explosions caused in the vicinity of McKinley barracks on the eastern side of Manila on the night of April 2 have been recognized as war results scored by our storming units.

Meanwhile, in the Laguna de Bay sector, our units are inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy who has penetrated into the St. Pablo sector.

On the front centering around Bagulo, our artillery units entrenched in positions approximately five kilometres east of Burgos, by accurate shelling on April 4 successfully repulsed an enemy attack led by three tanks. On the afternoon of April 5 these artillery units also accounted for two enemy rapid-firing guns, three armoured cars and three lorries either blasted or set ablaze. On the same front, our storming units on the same night demolished two enemy EMC-tanks.

Shigenori Togo Appointed New Foreign Minister

Concurrently Minister Of G.E.A. Affairs; Board Of Information Statement

Tokyo, April 9 (Domei)—Shigenori Togo, veteran career diplomat and Foreign Minister in Premier Hideki Tojo's Cabinet since 1941, was appointed new Foreign Minister and concurrently Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs in the newly-formed Cabinet under Premier Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, according to a communique released by the Board of Information this evening. He was formally installed in office at a ceremony held in the presence of TENNO HEIKA at the Imperial Palace this evening.

It is learned Togo was Premier Suzuki's first choice for the Foreign Portfolio in his new Cabinet. However, Admiral Suzuki himself assumed concurrently the Foreign Portfolio as well as that of Greater East Asiatic Affairs at the time of the formation of his Cabinet last Saturday, because of Togo's failure to arrive in Tokyo in time. Togo arrived in Tokyo from Karuzawa in Nagana Prefecture late Saturday night.

Following a series of meetings with Premier Suzuki, Togo finally accepted the offer for the Foreign Portfolio this afternoon. Togo's acceptance of Premier Suzuki's offer followed their meeting this afternoon when they are said to have reached complete agreement over national policies to be pursued by the Suzuki Cabinet. After this meeting Premier Suzuki proceeded to the Imperial Palace to obtain Imperial sanction for the appointment of Togo as Foreign Minister and concurrently Minister of Greater East Asiatic Affairs.

Togo's appointment automatically relieved the Premier of his concurrent posts of Foreign Minister and Greater East Asiatic Affairs Minister.

New President Of Privy Council Now Appointed

Tokyo, April 9 (Domei)—Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, ex-Premier and one of the top-ranking senior statesmen, was appointed President of the Privy Council, succeeding Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki who vacated the post to become Prime Minister last week. This was revealed in a communique released by the Board of Information this evening.

Baron Hiranuma was formally installed in office at a ceremony held in the Imperial Palace this evening in the presence of TENNO HEIKA and attended by Premier Suzuki.

Tomorrow's Program For "Liberation Week"

Tomorrow is the sixth day of the Indian National Liberation Week and the day is set apart for the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and its leader, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

All those Indians who have not yet taken the Oath of Allegiance are requested to take it. It is a duty cast on all sons and daughters of India and it is earnestly hoped that they will not miss this opportunity.

The Oath will be administered at the following four centres: At No. 742 North Bridge Road, No. 189 Cantonment Road, No. 106 Bedford Road and No. 7 Race Course Lane.

Syonan Public Urged To Buy Engo Saiken Tickets

An appeal has been issued by the Zaimu Katyo, Syonan Tokubetsu-shi, urging the public of Syonan to give their whole-hearted support to the new lottery called the Engo Saiken, organised by the Government with a view to building up a fund to provide every possible means of relief to air raid victims in the City.

Tickets at five dollars each are on sale since April 1 and it is hoped that members of the public will buy as many tickets as possible.

"It is to be expected that air raids will probably be more intensified from now on and it is the intention of the Government that the proceeds of this lottery be entirely devoted to relief work", says the Zaimu Katyo.

"It is a small matter to buy a lottery ticket, but by doing so you are either helping your countrymen or ensuring your own personal safety. So give your maximum co-operation and buy as many tickets as possible".

In clearing an unfounded fear in the minds of certain people that they might be compelled to pay a certain percentage out of the prize money in the event of their winning a prize, the Zaimu Katyo assures that no such anxiety need be felt in this respect.

Adipadi Congratulates Nippon's New Premier

Rangoon, April 8 (Domei)—Adipadi Ba Maw yesterday sent a congratulatory message to Admiral Baron Kantaro Suzuki, Nippon's new Prime Minister.

The message reads: "I wish to express, on behalf of the Burmese Government and people, my sincerest congratulations on your assumption of office. We give your Excellency and the new Cabinet our fullest confidence and co-operation at the present decisive stage of the common war, with certainty that East Asiatic nations must receive their due place in the world which wishes to be stable."

"Kama Dhenu" At Indo Gekizyo

The Syonan public is afforded an opportunity of seeing one of the best Tamil pictures "KAMA DHENU" when the film has its premiere at the Indo Gekizyo today.

The picture is acclaimed as one of the best with Vatsala, Saroja and G. Subulakshmi as leading stars.

There are two shows at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on week days and on Sunday there will be three shows at 1.30, 5 and 8 p.m.

Full Confidence Voiced In New Suzuki Cabinet

Syonan, April 9 (Domei)—Expressing utmost confidence in the newly-formed Suzuki Cabinet to see Nippon emerge victorious, official circles when interviewed today pointed out that the new Cabinet under the leadership of a Naval Premier can be taken as Nippon's answer to the enemy challenge of the all-out naval offensive now raging in waters close to their homeland.

Leaders of the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities here acclaiming the appointment of Admiral Baron Suzuki as the new Premier pointed out that the war in East Asia has now definitely reached a stage where the Imperial Nippon Navy will assert itself. "There is no denying that Nippon has won the first round in this all-out naval offensive planned by Roosevelt and Churchill, as witness the staggering losses suffered by the enemy... and the battle is still continuing," they declared.

The initial sinking or crippling of more than 200 ships of the combined Anglo-American Navies is only a foreshadow of what lies in store for the foe as the battle enlarges, they added.

News of those appointed to serve in the new Cabinet was received in Syonan today with popular acclaim and the fact that a few of the newly-installed members had also served in the previous Cabinet is taken as an indication that the Suzuki Cabinet has concentrated the country's key men for the important task ahead of them—that of assuring definite victory for Nippon, and nothing short of it.

With such a brilliant galaxy of leading men of the nation to help steer the ship of state through the storm of battle, future war strategy and operations of the Nippon armed forces will assuredly shape for Nippon's victory and the enemy's complete annihilation on land and at sea, these circles concluded.

B-29 Downed Over Kanto In Fierce Dog-Fights

A Naval Airbase on the Home Front, April 8 (Domei)—In fierce dog-fights with B-29's, which were escorted by P-51's, over Chiba Prefecture during the enemy raid on the Kanto district yesterday morning, our fighting unit shot down one B-29 and heavily damaged four others.

These results were scored by brilliant ramming tactics executed by our Zero fighters.

New Radio Programme

Broadcasting is another weapon in modern war and through broadcasting system people in remote places can be able to follow the trend of the war situation.

Since the Dai Toa War has reached its climax, the Syonan Chuo Hoso Kyoku is revising its programmes for the Midday Service commencing from to-day in order to make easy for everyone, especially the office workers to hear first-hand war news during the short period of tiffin recess.

The present service will commence from 13.30 with Radio Taiso following with News in Malay, Cantonese, Hokkien, Tamil and Hindustani from 13.40 to 14.30.

The Evening Service will be broadcast as usual except News in English to be broadcast at 22.20 instead of 22.30. The Station closes its programmes at 22.30.

Wehrmacht Foils All Foe Attacks In Bitter Fighting

Berlin, April 8 (Domei)—The German High Command announced that on the German-Hungarian frontier region, Reich units after days of fierce offensive and defensive fighting checked the enemy thrust in the direction of Groza and have again closed the front which had been temporarily ripped open. On the Raab River, west of Steinmanger and northwest of Wiener Neustadt, strong Soviet attacks were repulsed. In the Vienna area the Soviets penetrated into the city's southern suburbs. Fierce fighting is now in progress.

At Danzig, eight German troops frustrated an enemy attempt to gain access to Putziger Neuhung. Soviet attacks in the western Vistula, south of Bohnsack, collapsed.

On the Western Front strong attacks by Canadian troops against Zutphen on the Issel River foundered despite heavy artillery preparations. Enemy attempts at expanding his bridgehead at Stolzenau were frustrated by stubborn German resistance.

The renewed breakthrough attempt on Dortmund was brought to a standstill north of the city. Between the southern Rhoen mountains and the Main River triangle, fluctuating fighting was in progress. Enemy attacks in the Schweinfurt area were repulsed.

In central Italy on the Liguarian coast American attacks failed, while north of Faenza British attacks also collapsed after Reich artillery had smashed a large number of enemy batteries.

No Representation For Italy At 'Frisco Talks

Lisbon, April 8 (Domei)—The Rome Radio today said that United States official quarters have informed the anti-Axis sponsored Bonomi Government that it will not be possible for Italy to be represented at the San Francisco Conference even through an observer. Information from Rome, meantime, indicated that the American refusal to permit Italy representation at the forthcoming anti-Axis world conference has caused not only widespread disappointment but dissatisfaction among Italy's Government quarters.

Greek Ministry Resigns; New Govt. In Making

Lisbon, April 8 (Domei)—The anti-Axis Greek Government headed by Premier Nicholas Plastiras has resigned, apparently due to mounting political differences in the country, according to an Athens dispatch. Greek Regent Damaskinos is said to have asked Admiral Petrov Bulgari, Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Navy, to form a new Government.

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Huge Losses Inflicted On Cebu Invasion Forces

Philippine Front, April 8 (Domei)—Nippon forces battling on Cebu Island have killed or wounded approximately 700 enemy troops, heavily damaged one transport, smashed 15 artillery pieces and blasted or set ablaze more than 20 enemy supply dumps during the first four days of this month, according to dispatches received here.

Although the enemy has brought nearly 100 transports to the vicinity of Cebu and is engaged in unloading war materials, Nippon Army and Navy combat forces are ceaselessly attacking the enemy invaders.

On the morning of April 5, Nippon troops, braving inclement weather, were reported to have subjected enemy tanks and troops in the vicinity of the enemy beachheads to a furious artillery barrage, setting ablaze a considerable number of tanks and scattering the enemy forces.

"King George V" Heavily Damaged Off Sakishima

Lisbon, April 7 (Domei)—The 35,000-ton battleship King George V, pride of the British Navy, has been heavily damaged by Nippon aerial action off Sakishima Islands, situated to the southwest of the Okinawa Group, according to a Guam dispatch received here today.

The dispatch quoted a revelation made by a British naval attache who returned to American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters at Guam today from an inspection tour of the latest fighting centering around Okinawa.

Saigon Defences Bag One B-24 Foe Bomber

Saigon, April 8 (Domei)—Our air units this morning brought down one out of two B-24's which, in an attempt to bomb indiscriminately from a high altitude, penetrated into the skies over the Saigon district from over the waters off St. Jacques. No damage was suffered by our side in this raid.

Lost And Found

A bunch of keys with a pen-knife was found in Bras Basah Road. The owner may claim them in person, on satisfactory proof, from Indo Sin-bun Sha, 161-163, Cecil Street, Syonan, during office hours.

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Young India On Parade At Impressive Rally

The Indian children's rally held in celebration of the Indian National Liberation Week yesterday evening provided a good opportunity to many Indian parents and well-wishers and friends of the Indian National School and the Azad School to get an idea of the scope and nature of work done in these institutions.

The function began with the arrival of Dr. M. K. Lukshumeyah, Vice-President of the Indian Independence League, East Asia, and went with a full swing.

The students of the Indian National School gave a series of displays in physical training while the Balak Sena Unit of the Azad School gave a demonstration which was highly appreciated by all.

Speeches were delivered by Sri S. Rajaram and Sri G. Sarangapani in Hindustani and Tamil, respectively, exhorting the children who formed the future citizens of India to prove themselves worthy sons and daughters of their motherland and equip themselves to be able to shoulder the responsibilities of a free and independent India.

The Sketch, which portrayed the Jallianwallah Bagh massacre by the British, was well received and proved the most popular item of the evening's program.



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